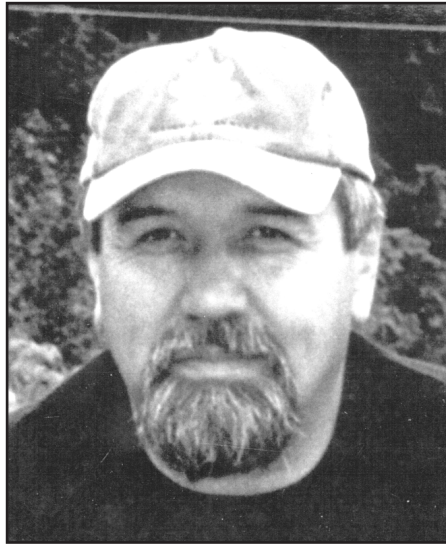


# House District 5

## William A. "Bill" Thomas Jr., Republican



**DATE OF BIRTH:** June 1, 1947  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Haines, Alaska  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Joyce Marie  
**CHILDREN:** Rhett, Danny, Gabriel, Cole, Rhiannon  
**RESIDENCE ADDRESS:** 887 Oslund Drive East  
Haines, Alaska 99827  
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Haines, Alaska 99827  
**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 57 years  
Haines 1947-1974  
Klukwan 1974-1991  
Haines 1991-Present  
**OCCUPATION:** Fisherman/Lobbyist  
**EDUCATION:**  
Haines High, 1965; U of A, 1965.  
**MILITARY:**  
U.S. Army, 2 years, Vietnam Veteran; Good Conduct, Crew Chief Wings, Sharpshooter Army Appreciation Award.  
**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Haines Borough Assembly, 4 years; Haines School Board, 4 years.  
**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Klukwan, Inc-Former Chairman & CEO, Present  
Director Positions: Chilkoot Indian Associations Council Member.

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance Director;  
United Fisherman of Alaska. Lifetime Member.

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Commercial Fisherman Gillnet-35 years; Halibut  
Longline-31 years, Shrimp-2 years

### **STATEMENT:**

I have spent the last fifteen years as a Lobbyist in Juneau and have been watching the District continue to lose vital services and necessary funding for our communities. We have received some funding, but I believe that we can do better to at least maintain, not lose any of the services we now have.

In my Lobbying I have lobbied for Fishing, Education, Municipalities and Mineral Development as well as many other issues. In so doing, I have become very familiar with the Legislative process and know most of the returning Legislators personally as well as the members of the current administration. This experience should give me a very big advantage over other candidates as the learning curve will be almost non-existent.

My experience has taught me that I cannot make promises I may not be able to keep, but that I can promise the residents in District 5 that I will do my best to represent their interests. I hope to be able to protect from mandatory Boroughs, Education Funding, Veteran and Fishing issues, by serving on necessary committee's that will help the District and the Great State of Alaska.

I do not and have never belonged to any organization that has been opposed to economic development for Alaska. I have lived and worked my whole life in Alaska and would like my children, friends and family to be able to do the same by working to promote economic development in my District and the State.

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